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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TUESDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. CUBA. YESTERDAY EVENING IN NEW YORK, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS EXCHANGED NOTES WITH CUBAN VICE MINISTER TORRAS AGREEING TO OPEN INTERESTS SECTIONS IN HAVANA AND WASHINGTON, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPECTIVE HOST EMBASSIES. TODAY WE CABLED THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE OPENING OF AN INTERESTS SECTION IN THEIR EMBASSY IN HAVANA. WE EXPECT TO BE IN A POSITION TO ANNOUNCE THE AGREEMENT LATER THIS WEEK, BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE EXCEPT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

2. INDIA. AMBASSADOR GOHEEN RAISED THE TARAPUR QUESTION
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IN HIS INITIAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI. DESAI PROMPTLY ACCEPTED THE THREE CONDITIONS YOU SET FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE LONG-PENDING SHIPMENT OF LOW-ENRICHED FUEL: (1) INDIAN WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON TARAPUR, (2) DESAI'S PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT U.S. FUEL WOULD NOT BE USED IN A NUCLEAR

EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AND (3) AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO

NEGOTIATIONS WITH US ON NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTIONS. DESAI TOLD GOHEEN HE WAS CRITICAL OF THE MANNER IN WHICH MRS. GANDHI CONDUCTED THE 1974 INDIAN TEST, THAT HE WAS NOT PLANNING TO AUTHORIZE ANOTHER TEST, AND THAT IF THE QUESTION CAME UP HE WOULD CONSULT WITH US.

ON THE BASIS OF DESAI'S POSITIVE RESPONSE, OUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO LICENSE THE FUEL SHIPMENT WILL GO FORWARD THIS WEEK. JOSEPH NYE IS TENTATIVELY SLATED TO MEET WITH THE INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY IN LONDON JUNE 10 TO ARRANGE TO OPEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION NEGOTIATIONS.

3. RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND RAID. THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

WAS CONFRONTED BY A HARD RHODESIAN NEGOTIATING LINE IN SALISBURY. THE SMITH REGIME IS DEMANDING A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF POWER FOR WHITES IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. SMITH, WHO SEEMS TIRED AND WORN OUT, IS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. HE DID, HOWEVER, LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN TO ACCEPTING UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IF IT IS PART OF A LARGER SETTLEMENT PACKAGE WHICH WILL PROTECT WHITE INTERESTS. SMITH'S DEMANDS FOR SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT FOR WHITES FELL ON DEAF EARS WHEN THE GROUP LATER MET WITH NATIONALIST LEADER ROBERT MUGABE IN MOZAMBIQUE. MUGABE WAS WILLING, HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN GENERAL TERMS, AND THIS IS SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING.

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SHORTLY AFTER THE GROUP LEFT SALISBURY, THE RHODESIANS LAUNCHED A DEEP RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE PROBABLY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY FROM A POSITION OF MILITARY STRENGTH. WE HAVE SENT WORD TO SMITH THAT WE DISAPPROVE OF THE RAID AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ITS EFFECTS ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

I HAVE JUST HEARD BY TELEPHONE FROM CY IN PARIS THAT DAVID OWEN WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE RAID TOMORROW MORNING, AND CY WILL PUBLICLY ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH OWEN'S VIEW.

4. ETHIOPIA. THE REDUCTIONS IN EMBASSY STAFF ORDERED BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT LAST THURSDAY ARE LESS SEVERE THAN THE CUTS WE OURSELVES HAD PLANNED. HOWEVER, WE HAD EXPECTED TO PHASE DOWN BY JULY 31, WHILE THEY GAVE US JUST SEVEN DAYS. WE HAVE ASKED THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT THE REDUCTION OF OUR

EMBASSY STAFF AS WE HAD PLANNED, BUT, SHOULD IT PROVE NECESSARY, THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE BY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THE JUNE 4 DEADLINE.

5. ROMANIAN EMIGRATION. DURING A MEETING TODAY WITH ROMANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA, I EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATE AND TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL. I POINTED OUT THAT YOU WOULD BE DECIDING IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHETHER TO SUPPORT AN EXTENSION OF MFN TREATMENT FOR ROMANIA AND NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS WILL PROBABLY BE HELD THIS SUMMER. GLIGA ASSURED ME THAT IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS IS A BASIC POLICY GOAL OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND, WHILE HE MADE THE ROUTINE COMMENTS ABOUT INTERFERENCE IN ROMANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HE ACCEPTED THE POLITICAL REALITIES OF NECESSARY MOVEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. GLIGA PROMISED TO PROVIDE US THE LATEST INFORMATION ON EMIGRATION IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF
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1977 -- WHICH HE CLAIMED WOULD SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR -- AND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US FOR RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING FAMILY-SEPARATION CASES.

6. DOBRYNIN CALL. DOBRYNIN CAME IN TODAY TO GIVE US A PAPER ON THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A NON-USE OF FORCE TREATY. I SAID WE WOULD STUDY THE PAPER CAREFULLY, BUT REITERATED OUR VIEW THAT SUCH A TREATY WOULD RESTATE A PRINCIPLE ALREADY EMBODIED IN THE UN CHARTER AND DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM REAL ARMS CONTROL MEASURES. DOBRYNIN ALSO INFORMED ME THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO BRITAIN'S JOINING THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TALKS IN JUNE. CHRISTOPHER

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